GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MODEL POLICE ACT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has forwarded the Model Police Act to the State Governments for consideration and appropriate action;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the salient features of the said Act and the names of the States which have implemented/not yet implemented the said Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Home Affairs appointed an Expert Committee in September, 2005 to draft a new Model Police Act. The Committee submitted a Model Police Act in October 2006, which, inter-alia, included key recommendations like creation of a State Police Board, security of tenure for the Director General of Police and other key functionaries, earmarking dedicated staff for crime investigation, improved service conditions of policemen, etc.

The Model Police Act emphasized the need to have a professional police 'service' in a democratic society, which is efficient, effective, responsive to the needs of the people and accountable to the Rule of Law. The salient features of the Model Police Act include encouraging professionalism, ensuring accountability, improved service conditions, functional autonomy, etc.

'Police' being a State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, the copy of the Model Police Act was sent to all the State Governments on 31st October, 2006 for consideration and appropriate action. So far 14 States, namely, States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttarakhand have enacted new Police Act or amended their existing Police Act.